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SUBJECT: MEXICO'S POSITION ON ACCEPTING TWO KOREAS IN UN

1. KOREAN AMBASSADOR LEE CALLED ON ME TO INDICATE HE WISHED TO FILL US IN FULLY ON HIS FOREIGN MINISTER'S TALKS HERE STATING HE HAD APPRECIATED OUR ASSISTANCE IN PAST WITH MEXICANS ON KOREAN QUESTION IN UN. LEE STATED THAT MEXICANS HAD INDICATED SATISFACTION THAT SOUTH KOREAN POSITION IN UN HAD ALTERED AND FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA HAD STATED IT WOULD BE MUCH EASIER FOR MEXICO TO SUPPORT POSITION OF TWO KOREAS IN UN THAN EARLIER SOUTH KOREAN POSITION.

2. LEE ADDED THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HAD RECEIVED FOREIGN MINISTER KIM MOST CORDIALLY AND SPENT MUCH OF VISIT RECOUNTING HIS OWN TRAVELS, ESPECIALLY TO US, SOVIET UNION AND CHINA. LEE SAID ECHEVERRIA HAD STRESSED HIS GOOD RELATIONS WITH US EVEN THOUGH HE EMPHASIZED MEXICO DID NOT ALWAYS SUPPORT US. HE ADDED THAT US, HOWEVER, ALWAYS RESPECTED MEXICAN POLICIES AND DID NOT ATTEMPT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL RELATIONSHIP. ECHEVERRIA WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING HE HAD LIKEWISE MADE HIS POSITION VERY CLEAR IN MOSCOW AND PEKING AND SAID THAT MEXICO HAD DISAGREEMENTS WITH THESE COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY SOVIET UNION, OVER ISSUE OF ESPIONAGE IN MEXICO AND TRAINING OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT GUERRILLAS IN SOVIET UNION AND ALSO IN NORTH KOREA WITH SOVIET CONNIVANCE.

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3. KEE SAID THAT KIM HELD LENGTHY TALK WITH RABASA AND EXPLAINED KOREAN POSITIONS AT LENGTH. RABASA HAD ASKED IF SOUTH KOREA REALLY FELT NEED FOR US TROOPS, EXPLAINING THAT MEXICO, BECAUSE OF THE HISTORY, OPPOSED ALL FOREIGN TROOPS ANYWHERE. KIM HAD EXPLAINED PATIENTLY WELL-KNOWN REASONS WHY KOREANS WISHED US TROOPS TO REMAIN. KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAD ALSO OUTLINED HIS POSITION ON UNCURK WITH WHICH MEXICANS DID NOT APPEAR FAMILIAR. AFTER HE HAD FINISHED, RABASA INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING, THOUGH NOT AGREEMENT. RABASA HAD REITERATED HIS PERSONAL DESIRE NOT TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA BECAUSE MEXICAN GUERRILLAS HAD BEEN TRAINED IN PYONGYANG.

4. KIM APPARENTLY FLATTERED MEXICANS BY EMPHASIZING THEIR ROLE OF LEADERSHIP IN THE THIRD WORLD AND ESPECIALLY IN LATIN AMERICA. IN RESPONSE TO RABASA'S QUERY AS TO WHETHER MEXICO COULD BE OF ANY HELP TO THE KOREANS, IN NEW YORK, KIM ANSWERED THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE MEXICAN HELP IN SUPPORT OF ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS TO UN WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICANS. RABASA HAD PROMISED THIS SUPPORT. AMBASSADOR SAID KIM WAS WELL SATISFIED WITH VISIT AND HE BELIEVED THAT KOREANS OBJECTIVES HAD BEEN ACHIEVED AND THAT MEXICANS NOW UNDERSTOOD SITUATION AND THE SOUTH KOREAN SUPPORT FOR RED CROSS TALKS AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES WITH NORTH KOREA.

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